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The Only Man Who Knew Both Lee Harvey Oswald & Jackie Kennedy

LEE OSWALD

De MOHRENSCHILDT

Not many people knew Lee Harvey Oswald really well. And Russian-born oil engineer George de Mohrenschildt is probably the only man alive who knew both Oswald and his family and Jackie Kennedy and her family.

In this exclusive ENQUIRER article, de Mohrenschildt reveals what the two families were really like – and how his own life was shattered when the high-born Kennedys and the working-class Oswalds were linked by the tragedy of the assassination.

By ANDREW TERRENCE

George de Mohrenschildt found Jackie Kennedy and her parents "charming and delightful."

But Lee Harvey Oswald was "sullen, brooding, jealous of success in others and always fighting with his Russian-born wife, Marina."

De Mohrenschildt told this ENQUIRER reporter: "Even so, I don't think Oswald killed Kennedy — he admired the President too much to do that."

Mrs. de MOHRENSCHILDT
She helped the Oswalds.

JACKIE'S FATHER
John Bouvier sailed on de

De Mohrenschildt told me the strange story of how he came to know both families.

He said he left Russia in 1938 and emigrated to the U.S.

He settled in New York City. And because he came from a socially prominent family — his uncle, Ferdinand de Mohrenschildt, was First Secretary of the last Czarist Embassy in Washington — George soon got to know top people like Jackie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bouvier.

George recalled: "Jackie's family were part of the summer colony at Bellport, Long Island, N.Y.

"I visited with them often, and I used to bounce little Jackie on my knee.

"At that time the John Bouviers were getting divorced, but they remained friendly and charming to everyone. I often took them sailing in my yacht."

Two years later, in 1940, de Mohrenschildt moved to Dallas because of his work as an oil engineer.

But he kept in touch with the Bouviers by letter, and occasionally he visited with Jackie's mother, who had remarried after her divorce and was now Mrs. Hugh Auchincloss.

Although de Mohrenschildt had become an American citizen in 1946, he still liked to meet people from his homeland of Russia.

And in the summer of 1962, in Dallas, he went to a meeting of Russian-born immigrants. It was there that he met Lee Harvey Oswald and Marina, the wife he had brought back from Russia.

... well — so well

CHARMING FAMILY: That's how ... Jackie Kennedy and her mom, who ...

WEEPING WIDOW: Mrs. Marina Oswald holds daughter June and weeps at the graveside services for her husband, Lee Harvey Oswald.

that he eventually testified about Oswald before the Warren Commission on April 22, 1964. De Mohrenschildt told the commission: "I was interested in meeting the

Oswalds ... in Rus... where ...

"I ... were ...

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PRAISED BOTH KENNEDY AND CASTRO
ng to de Mohrenschildt, Oswald admired
t Kennedy for his political beliefs and praised
Fidel Castro for opposing the United States.

AMERICANIZED
This is the new and glamorous look Marina has acquired since her remarriage.

JACKIE AND SISTER, Lee (in carriage), make picture together in the 1930s.

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and once said right in front of my wife
lf: 'Lee sleeps with me only once a month
er get any satisfaction out of it.'
didn't smoke and didn't want Marina to
ometimes he would take a cigarette from
h and slap her. Once he got so furious
oused her lighted cigarette on her shoulder.
ed him that time."
hrenschildt said Marina was a poor wife.
t take her baby for medical care. She was
l little pride, and willingly accepted any-
yone would give her.
onstantly complained, asking Oswald why
have more money and a car, and needled
t his lack of success.
lso said she was bored because Oswald
ok her anywhere, so de Mohrenschildt took
alds to two parties.
t one party, Oswald flirted with a Japanese
ned Yaeko, and Marina later complained
vald had gotten Yaeko's phone number and
rying on with her.
lohrenschildt said he and his wife saw the
s 10 or 12 times — enough to determine that
was highly neurotic.
raised Russia as being far superior to the
States, yet he had left Russia because he
find what he was looking for — success.
ad praised President Kennedy and his politi-
efs, but he also praised Cuban Premier Fidel
for opposing such a big power as the
States.
Oswald had an insane jealousy of
who succeeded where he failed.
April 1963, de Mohrenschildt said
e to the Oswalds, for the oil man
s wife had been invited to conduct oil
s in the area of Port-au-Prince, Haiti,
West Indies.
vas the day of the assassination, Nov.
63, before de Mohrenschildt heard
d's name again. He was mentioned
he radio as the alleged assassin.
once, the oil man went to the U.S.
ssy in Port-au-Prince and offered to
l he knew about Oswald.
ans were made for de Mohrenschildt to
l to the United States. De Mohrens-
wrote to Mrs. Auchincloss on Dec. 13,
expressing his sympathy about the
dent's death, and adding:
ince we had lived in Dallas we had the
rtune to meet Oswald and his wife,
It is really a shame that such
in our times and in our coun-
is so much jealousy for suc-
late President was so suc-
many ways.
is such a desire for pub-
part of all shady characters
are bound to occur. Better precautions should have been taken."

The letter also expressed de Mohrenschildt's hope that Marina Oswald would not suffer throughout her life and that the stigma would not affect her children.

And he added that despite all the evidence he still had a lingering doubt about Oswald's guilt.

Mrs. Auchincloss replied on Jan. 29, 1964, saying: "Dear George: Thank you for your sympathy for Jacqueline. It seems extraordinary to me that you knew Oswald and Jackie. It is certainly a strange world.

"I would very much like to talk to you and meet your wife.

"Very sincerely, Janet Lee Auchincloss."

There was a postscript: "Your letter has made me think a good deal. I hope, too, that Mrs. Oswald will not suffer."

On April 22, 1964, de Mohrenschildt went before the Warren Commission to testify about Oswald's character. His evidence took three days, and he told this reporter last month:

"I told them everything, including why I didn't think Oswald was the killer, even though my wife had seen a rifle with a telescopic sight in Oswald's apartment on Easter Day (April 14) 1963.

"Marina had once said of Lee, 'That crazy idiot is target shooting all the time.'

"And I admit that when I first heard about the assassination, I did think Oswald could have done it. But the more I thought about it, the more certain I became that he wasn't really the killer."

Why?

De Mohrenschildt said: "Because he
over and over again that he admired Ken
he told me in so many words: 'Kenned
cellent President — young, full of ener
good ideas.'

"That doesn't sound like a man who
to kill him."

Added de Mohrenschildt: "But Os
wealth. And though he admired Ken
President, Kennedy was wealthy.

"So if Oswald did kill the President,
may have been that he was insanely je
extraordinarily wealthy, successful ma

De Mohrenschildt believes he only d
by testifying to the Warren Commissi
claims it has cost him many friends —
lion dollars in business deals.

He told me: "Just a few days before
I went to see Jackie Kennedy's m
Auchincloss.

"She was as charming and friendly
and my wife both cried together ove
Kennedy's death, and I must confess I
tears myself.

"Mrs. Auchincloss was interested in
and wanted to know all about them. B
Kennedy, she was opposed to an inves

"When we left, she begged us to s
before flying back to Haiti. So we did —
I had told all I knew on the witness
something had happened during thos

"News of my testimony, which had
leaked out. Some of Mrs. Auchinc
friends must have told her the de M
were no longer the right people to kn

"Anyway, the cordiality I had kn
turned to ice. The second visit was a
and I'll never forget her last words
door as we were leaving: 'How c
have associated with those Oswalds?'

"It's the last time I ever saw o
Mrs. Auchincloss. In fact, Jackie Ke
won't have anything more to do wi

"Last Christmas and the Chris
Jeanne and I sent holiday greetings
Not one of them answered."

De Mohrenschildt said the Kenned
only ones to turn their backs. When
returned to Haiti, they were ostra
all Americans there, both in busin

Doors were closed in their fac
calling. They were no longer
parties. They were snubbed in th

Said de Mohrenschildt: "Th
ed to fail. First one contract
other and another. And compan
what they owed. I felt stranded

"Finally, last December,
turned to Dallas, so I could s

"Luckily, I'm not entir
do business with Europ
condemn me because I

De Mohrenschildt
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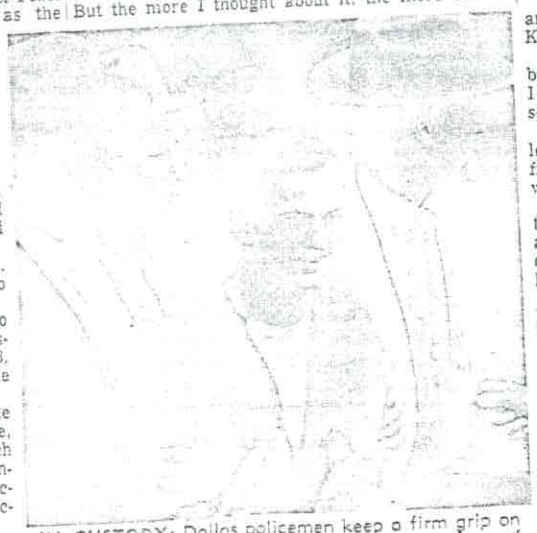

IN CUSTODY: Dallas policemen keep a firm grip on Oswald following his arrest for the assassination of President Kennedy and the murder of a policeman.